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DESIGN OF COLLECTIVE PROTECTION SHELTERS TO RESIST  
CHEMICAL, BIOLOGICAL, AND RADIOLOGICAL (CBR) AGENTS

1. Purpose. This letter provides information and guidance for the design of collective protection (CP) systems. Collective protection provides a toxic-free area (TFA) where personnel can function without individual protective equipment such as a mask and protective garments.
2. Applicability. This letter applies to all HQUSACE elements and USACE commands having military construction and design responsibility.
3. References. Appendix A contains a list of referenced and related publications.
4. Distribution. Approved for public release; distribution is unlimited.
5. Background. Chemical, biological, or radiological agent threats can come from a wartime attack, a terrorist attack, or from an industrial accident. Protection can be achieved by evacuating the affected area or by using shelters or individual protective equipment (IPE). When evacuation is logistically impossible, passive shelters that use only sealing measures provide limited protection for a short period. For increased protection and longer durations, a preplaced collective protection ventilation system is required.
6. Action. Pending publication of permanent guidance, the enclosed information will be used to assist HQUSACE, major subordinate commands, district offices, and FOA in the management and design of collective protection systems.
7. Implementation. This letter will have routine application for all future military projects as defined in paragraph 8c, ER 1110-345-100.

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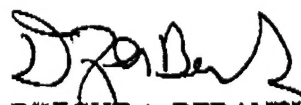
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## APPENDIX A

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## APPENDIX B

### COLLECTIVE PROTECTION FOR FACILITIES

#### **B-1. Collective Protection Design Strategy.**

A chemical, biological, or radiological (CBR) airborne threat can come from a wartime attack, terrorist attack, or from an industrial accident. Protection of personnel during these events can be achieved by evacuation from the affected area, collective protection sheltering, or individual protective equipment (IPE).

a. *Use of CBR Detectors.* Theoretically, automatic detectors can be used to initiate protective actions such as shutdown of ventilation systems, closing outside air intakes, or turning on filtration systems. Detection of radiological agents can be performed with off-the-shelf equipment. Current biological detection technology requires a minimum delay of approximately 15 minutes to detect the presence of biological agents. Practical application of chemical detection is limited by shortcomings in response time, false alarms, broad spectrum capability, maintenance requirements, cost, and the quantity of sensors needed at air intake locations. For wartime threats, audible and visual indicators along with detection are used to initiate protective actions. For terrorist threats, no audible and visual indications announce the attack, other than incapacitation of people. Thus, application of detectors for terrorist threats should be limited to the following uses: first entry determination by first responders, monitoring casualties before medical treatment, determining the extent of the hazard, and determining when protective measures are no longer required.

b. *Wartime Threat.* For large scale wartime chemical or biological attack, the facility will be designed to provide a toxic-free area (TFA) where personnel can function without IPE. To resist the penetration of agents into the TFA from long duration exposure, a wartime facility must have a CBR overpressure filter system that prevents penetration of agents at a wind speed of 40 km/hr (25 mph). Also required are an outdoor or integral contamination control area (CCA) for decontamination of personnel and an airlock that prevents contaminated air from entering the TFA during ingress and egress of personnel.

c. *Terrorist Threat.* For facilities that require continuous operation during a short duration threat with little or no warning, such as a terrorist attack, continuous filtration of the ventilation air intakes is required. To resist the short duration penetration of agents into the TFA, a CBR filtration system will be required to provide an overpressure that prevents the penetration of agents through the TFA envelope at wind speeds of 12 km/hr (7 mph). This wind speed condition is most favorable for directing a plume of agent with minimum dispersion toward an outside air intake.

d. *Industrial Accidents.* To provide passive protection for an exposure of short duration, sealing measures at the facility envelope and closing outside air intakes will provide limited protection to the occupants for a short period of time. The level of protection provided by passive

means is time dependent. To provide collective protection for a facility that requires continuous operation either closing of the outside air intakes during the release, or protecting the air intakes with a CBR filtration system is required.

## **B-2. Facility Collective Protection Classification.**

Existing and new facilities designated to provide collective protection (CP) can be separated into the three major classes of protection described below.

a. *Class I - Filtration with Pressurization.* This class of protection is applicable against wartime military threats that produce a large-scale release of agents over an extended period of time. Effective protection requires a CBR filtration and overpressure system that resists a continual large-scale threat in a 40-km/hr (25-mph) wind. The filtration and pressurization system may be operated continuously or maintained in a standby mode; i.e., energized only when there is a known threat of attack. An internal or external CCA and an ingress and egress airlock are required.

b. *Class II - Filtration with Little or No Pressurization.* This class of protection is applicable to a terrorist attack with little or no warning that produces a short duration small-scale release of agent. Outside air intakes will be protected by continuously operating CBR filtration units. The filtration system will be sized for the normal facility air intake requirements and need provide little or no facility overpressure. An airlock is not required, but a vestibule that acts as an airlock is desirable.

c. *Class III - Passive Protection.* This class of protection is applicable to a short duration release such as an industrial accident. Protection is achieved by closing building openings and turning off ventilation systems. The release must be detected and adequate warning must be issued before protective measures can be applied.

## **B-3. Guidance.**

a. *Designation of CBR Protected Facilities.* The commander or authority having jurisdiction determines if facilities are susceptible to a CBR threat and which facilities require collective protection.

b. *Existing Facilities.* Existing facilities designated to have a Class I CP overpressure system will be modified in accordance with Appendix C. Existing facilities designated to have a Class II CP system with little or no pressurization will be modified in accordance with Appendix D. Expedient passive protection CP sealing measures for existing Class III facilities will be based on the recommendations in ERDEC-TR-336.

c. *New Facilities.* New facilities designated as a Class I CP overpressure system, or required to incorporate design features that ease future installation of a CP system, will incorporate the

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requirements in Appendix C. Requirements for collective protection for wartime facilities which include an integral CCA will be designed in accordance with TM 5-855-1 and other criteria as designated by the using command or authority having jurisdiction. New facilities designated as a Class II CP system or required to incorporate design features that ease future installation of a CP system will incorporate the requirements in Appendix D.

**B-4. Additional Assistance.**

Additional assistance is available from the Corps of Engineers Protective Design Center at the address provided below.

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## APPENDIX C

### CLASS I, FILTRATION WITH PRESSURIZATION

#### C-1. Existing Facility Classification.

Existing facilities can be separated into four classes that reflect their potential to support the integration of a CP system.

a. *Class IA.* This class of facility is capable of fully integrating the CP overpressure system with the facility heating, ventilating, and air-conditioning (HVAC) system. The HVAC system may not be specifically designed for a CP overpressure system, but it is capable of fully maintaining the facility temperature during CP system operation. The CCA will be outside of the facility or under an open-air overhang, roofed shelter, or tent.

b. *Class IB.* The facility HVAC system is capable of partial integration of the CP overpressure system. The HVAC system may require upgrades to existing ductwork and isolation of the ductwork used for normal HVAC facility operations. The HVAC system may not be capable of maintaining original design conditions without modification and may require supplemental heating and cooling. The CCA will be outside of the facility or under an open-air overhang, roofed shelter, or tent.

c. *Class IC.* The facility HVAC system is not capable of integrating the CP overpressure system. The facility design temperatures cannot be maintained without supplemental heating and cooling from the CP overpressure system. The CCA will be outside of the facility or under an open-air overhang, roofed shelter, or tent.

d. *Class ID.* The facility cannot be sealed economically to maintain an overpressure, but it is suitable for portable enclosures or liner systems set up internally with advance warning. This type of arrangement allows the existing HVAC system to partially or fully maintain the facility design temperature outside the inflatable liner or shelter. Examples are warehouses, hangers, and maintenance bays.

#### C-2. Guidance.

New Class I CP facilities will be designed as Class 1A; i.e., capable of maintaining the facility temperature during collective protection operations. New collective protection facilities with an integral CCA will be designed in accordance with TM 5-855-1 and other criteria as designated by the using command having jurisdiction.

### **C-3. Design Requirements.**

Major considerations for the design of CP systems for both existing and new facilities are listed below. Requirements for each item are discussed in subsequent paragraphs.

- a. *Button-Up Period and Floor Area Requirements.*
- b. *Toxic-Free Area Envelope.*
- c. *Airlock Requirements.*
- d. *Toxic-Free Area Overpressure.*
- e. *Toxic-Free Area Envelope Air Leakage Rate and Sealing Measures.*
- f. *Collective Protection Overpressure System Design.*
- g. *Collective Protection Control System and Operational Requirements.*
- h. *Operation and Maintenance.*

### **C-4. Button-Up Period and Floor Area Requirements.**

The CP button-up period is determined by the command or authority having jurisdiction and can range from several hours to several days. For off-site industrial accidents, the button-up period is usually less than 24 hours. Button-up periods longer than 24 hours are generally restricted to wartime. The button-up period influences the floor area requirements and the amount of consumable and waste storage. Generally, the button-up period will not significantly affect the performance of the CP system.

a. *Less Than 24 Hours.* A button-up period less than 24 hours does not require sleeping areas. The occupant load will generally be a net 1.86 m<sup>2</sup>/person (20 ft<sup>2</sup>/person) depending upon the classification of occupancy. The classification of occupancy, as stated in NFPA 101, may require a higher or lower occupant loading depending upon the building classification. The occupant loading will be coordinated with the authority having jurisdiction.

b. *More Than 24 Hours.* A button-up period greater than 24 hours requires sleeping areas. The minimum floor area, with the use of single size beds, is approximately 5.6 m<sup>2</sup>/person (60 ft<sup>2</sup>/person). With the use of bunked beds, the minimum floor area is approximately 2.8 m<sup>2</sup>/person (30 ft<sup>2</sup>/person).

### **C-5. Toxic-Free Area Envelope.**



The total required TFA floor space is determined from the button-up period, the number of people sheltered, and the required floor area per person. Generally, large open areas such as common areas, multipurpose areas, gymnasiums, etc., provide the most efficient floor area for protecting a large number of personnel. The TFA envelope should include bathroom facilities and, if possible, kitchen facilities.

#### **C-6. Airlock Requirements.**

Personnel that ingress and egress the TFA during CP operations must process through an airlock. The airlock maintains TFA overpressure, prevents the migration of airborne contaminants into the TFA, and purges contaminants from personnel before they enter the TFA. The number of airlocks required depends on the number of personnel that ingress and egress during a given time period.

a. *Stand-Alone Airlock.* For existing facilities, the stand-alone two-stage airlock discussed in Appendix F will be used. This airlock is designed to process two people into the facility within 8 minutes with 4 minutes in the first stage and an additional 4 minutes in the second stage. An integral 94 L/s (200 cfm) air filtration unit is used to provide the necessary air purge rate upon which the dwell time is based.

b. *Integral Airlock.* For new facilities, the integral single-stage airlock discussed in Appendix F will be incorporated into the vestibule area. The airflow purge rate through the single-stage airlock will provide a 3 log reduction in contaminants based on equation C-1.

$$Q = \frac{6.9V}{T} \quad (\text{eq C-1})$$

where:

$Q$  = airflow, cubic meters per minute

$V$  = airlock volume, cubic meters

$T$  = purge time, minutes

Airlock airflow is driven by internal overpressure from the TFA. Uncontaminated air from the TFA will enter the airlock near the ceiling and exhaust near the floor. The airflow rate through the TFA will be monitored by an airflow measuring station or measuring device that can be field calibrated, and the airflow rate will be displayed at a CP control panel. The airflow rate through the airlock will be controlled by a flow control damper and backdraft damper. A warning light will illuminate when the airflow rate drops below design values. The static air pressure drop from the TFA to the airlock and from the airlock to the exterior will not exceed 25 Pa (0.1 inch wg) at each location, giving a total airlock static pressure drop of not more than 50 Pa (0.2 inch wg).

#### **C-7. Toxic-Free Area Overpressure.**

The minimum TFA overpressure will be 75 Pa (0.3 inch wg). This corresponds to a wind speed impact pressure normal to a wall of 40 km/hr (25 mph). After installation of the overpressure system, it is possible that a TFA pressure higher than the 75 Pa (0.3 inch wg) will result. A higher pressure provides a higher factor of safety for the CP system and should not be intentionally lowered to maintain a 75 Pa (0.3 inch wg) overpressure.

#### **C-8. Toxic-Free Area Envelope Air Leakage Rate and Sealing Measures.**

a. *Existing Facilities.* To determine the envelope air leakage rate for existing facilities, an air leakage measurement test using a blower door assembly will be performed in accordance with ASTM E779. Test data will be plotted on a log-log graph for ease of data extrapolation and review. Air leakage locations can be identified during pressurization testing when the blower door assembly is operated in the negative pressure mode and draws outside air into the proposed TFA. These leakage locations can also be identified by physical inspection or with smoke testing. Leakage areas will be sealed with a good quality sealant or, if necessary, reconstructed. Weather sealing measures can be expected to achieve leakage reductions in the range from 5 to 50 percent depending on the type and quality of facility construction. Sealing of the TFA envelope will reduce the air leakage rate and thus reduce the required amount of filtered air. Sealing measures must be economical when compared to the cost of the filtration and HVAC equipment and, for continuously operated CP facilities, energy usage must also be considered. After sealing, a second blower test will be conducted to determine the final TFA envelope air leakage rate.

b. *New Facilities.* For new facilities, the TFA envelope air leakage rate will be calculated using the effective leakage area procedures in the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals. The leakage calculations will be performed for the TFA envelope including the walls, roofs, floors, doors, windows, sole plates, mechanical and electrical penetrations, ceiling-wall joints, isolation dampers, etc. The overpressure of the TFA will be used as the differential pressure in determining the TFA envelope leakage rate. Appendix G will be used as a guide to confirm the TFA envelope unit leakage rate as determined by the calculations. Care should be taken during design and construction to ensure that proper sealing of penetrations is performed and that continuous air leakage control barriers are used in the TFA envelope. A blower door test of the TFA envelope should be performed to verify the leakage rate and ensure that the CP overpressure filtration system has sufficient capacity.

#### **C-9. Collective Protection Overpressure System Design.**

a. *Airflow Filtration Capacity.* The airflow capacity of the CP overpressure filtration system is the sum of the following three components: TFA envelope air leakage rate at the design pressure differential, the ventilation air intake rate that meets exhaust requirements, and the airlock airflow necessary to achieve the required purge rate. The CP filtration system blower total static pressure will be designed to include the filtration system with dirty filters, ductwork system pressure losses, and the overpressure requirement of the TFA. The HVAC system must be designed, operated, and maintained to provide uncontaminated air to the TFA. It will be located in a contamination-free

mechanical room to insure that negative pressures induced in the ductwork by HVAC equipment located in the mechanical room will not draw in contaminated air to the protected area. Filtration systems will conform to Appendix E.

*b. HVAC Requirements.*

(1) Existing Facilities. For existing facilities, an engineering evaluation will be performed to determine if the existing HVAC equipment can be used for CP operations to maintain the designed indoor air temperatures for both the summer and winter design conditions. The final indoor temperature for the summer and winter design conditions will be coordinated with the user and, if necessary, mechanical equipment modifications or additional heating and cooling equipment will be added to meet user requirements. For Class IC facilities that do not require the system to maintain above freezing indoor conditions during low outdoor ambient conditions, water utilities must be protected from freezing during CP operations.

(2) New Facilities. For new facilities, the HVAC equipment will be designed to incorporate the requirements of the CP overpressure system and maintain indoor design conditions. The outside air intakes will be located in an inaccessible location or secured by use of a standoff distance that inhibits the direct insertion of contaminants.

(3) Outside Air Occupant Ventilation Rate. The target outside air intake rate per occupant will conform to ASHRAE Standard 62. If during CP operations the fresh air intake rates required in ASHRAE Standard 62 cannot be maintained, lower air intake rates can be used. The lower fresh air intake rates cannot be used for normal operations but only during CP operations. Different levels of indoor air quality (IAQ) can be used depending upon user requirements and facility restrictions. To maintain IAQ based upon the ASHRAE Standard 62 acceptable indoor carbon dioxide level of 0.1 percent, a minimum air intake rate of 7 L/s (15 ft<sup>3</sup>/min) can be used. The lower recommended limit of fresh air intake is based on a carbon dioxide limit of 0.5 percent or a minimum outside intake rate of 1.4 L/s (3 ft<sup>3</sup>/min). However, 2.4 L/s (5 ft<sup>3</sup>/min) should be used as the practical lower limit. For facilities that cannot meet the carbon dioxide level of 0.1 percent, a carbon dioxide detector will be provided that will alarm at a level 50 percent higher than the expected carbon dioxide value, but not more than 0.8 percent. Normally, the filtered outside air intake required to pressurize the TFA will exceed the occupant ventilation rate.

*c. TFA Envelope Isolation and Control.*

(1) Ductwork. Ductwork that serves the TFA during normal operation but is not required during CP operations will be closed off and isolated by use of low-leakage dampers at the TFA envelope. During CP operations, the TFA overpressure system will maintain pressure on the isolation dampers under all conditions and thereby eliminate entrance of contaminated air into the TFA. Isolation damper position indicators will be included to provide visual identification of the open and closed positions. Additionally, the isolation damper position will be visually annunciated

at the system control panel. The leakage rating of the isolation dampers will be selected based on an economical comparison of damper leakage and additional filtration capacity.

(2) Doors. Doors at the TFA envelope will be weather sealed to reduce the air leakage rate. The door position will be monitored and visually annunciated at the system control panel.

#### **C-10. Collective Protection Control System and Operational Requirements.**

The CP control system will be located in the TFA, preferably in a utility room. The CP system will be energized by one control panel switch that de-energizes other facility systems not required during CP system operations. Examples of these systems are normal outside air fans, exhaust fans, and recirculation fans that are in the building but outside the protected envelope. The control system will monitor the position of all isolation dampers and doors by use of an annunciator light at the control panel. All device positions; i.e., either open or closed, will be annunciated at the CP control panel. A green indicator light will annunciate if the damper or door is in the correct position during CP system operation. A red indicator light will annunciate if the damper or door is not in the correct position or if a problem has occurred. The TFA overpressure with reference to the atmosphere will be monitored and displayed on the CP control panel. To maintain the TFA overpressure, the airlock doors must not be opened simultaneously.

#### **C-11. Operation and Maintenance.**

a. *CP System Operational Testing.* Standby CP systems should be tested once each month to ensure that they are in good operating condition. For continuously operated systems, periodic system monitoring should be performed to ensure the CP system is operating properly.

b. *Filter System.* In addition to the manufacturer's recommended maintenance requirements, the following filter replacement and testing requirements should be performed.

(1) High-Efficiency Particulate Air (HEPA) Filter. The initial resistance of the HEPA filter is typically 250 Pa (1.0 inch wg). The HEPA filter should be replaced when it is loaded and the static pressure differential reaches about 750 Pa (3.0 inches wg). The HEPA filter pressure drop will be monitored at the CP system control panel with annunciation when the dirty filter pressure drop is reached. The HEPA filter will be mechanically leak tested after filter replacement.

(2) Adsorption Filter. The adsorber filter should be replaced as required in FM 3-4 and mechanically leak tested with a test gas after filter replacement.

(3) Airflow Testing. The filtration system airflow rate should be periodically tested and re-balanced as necessary to maintain the design airflow rate. The filtration system should also be airflow tested after prolonged use. A HEPA filter without a prefilter could be fully loaded after 9 months of continuous use. Utilizing a prefilter will extend the life of the HEPA filter to about 2 years of continuous use.

(4) **Filtration System Testing.** The filtration system will be field leak tested by an independent testing agency after installation. The system should also be mechanical leak tested every 12 months and after replacement of the HEPA filter or adsorber filter. The design must ensure that adequate filter access is provided.

c. *Signage.* Doors required to be closed during overpressure will be labeled as such on red background signage. Doors required to remain open during overpressure will be labeled as such on green background signage.

d. *Training.* Training should be conducted for all facility personnel that may be called upon to operate the CP system.

e. *Operating Instructions.* Operating instructions and system diagrams for the CP system will be displayed next to the CP system control panel at eye level. Operating instructions will describe, in short and concise language, the steps required to operate the CP system. All CP system control switches and indicators will be clearly marked and identified.

f. *Operation and Maintenance Manual.* An operation and maintenance manual will be provided and will contain system operating instructions, emergency operation instructions, preventive maintenance information, troubleshooting, corrective maintenance, periodic maintenance recommendations, critical instructions, and a spare parts list.

## APPENDIX D

### CLASS II, FILTRATION WITH LITTLE OR NO PRESSURIZATION

#### **D-1. Facility Classification.**

New facilities designated to have a Class II CP system do not require a CCA or an airlock for personnel ingress or egress, however, a vestibule that acts as an airlock can be used to maintain overpressure. This class of protection is applicable against a terrorist attack. Vulnerable outside air intakes are protected by a continuous CBR filtration system sized for the normal facility air intake requirements.

#### **D-2. Guidance.**

a. *Existing Facilities.* Existing facilities designated to have a Class II CP system will be modified in accordance with this appendix.

b. *New Facilities.* New facilities designated to have a Class II CP overpressure system, or to incorporate design features that ease future installation of a CP system, will incorporate the requirements discussed in this appendix.

#### **D-3. Design Requirements.**

Major considerations for the design of Class II CP systems for both existing and new facilities are listed below. Requirements for each item are discussed in subsequent paragraphs.

- a. *Toxic-Free Area Envelope.*
- b. *Toxic-Free Area Overpressure.*
- c. *Toxic-Free Area Envelope Air Leakage Rate.*
- d. *Collective Protection System Design.*
- e. *Collective Protection Operation and Maintenance Requirements.*

#### **D-4. Toxic-Free Area Envelope.**

The total floor area required for the TFA is simply the area requiring collective protection. For Class II facilities, required envelope sealing measures will be minimal. Noticeable leakage paths should be sealed in existing facilities, and sealing measures should be incorporated in the design of new facilities. Though an airlock is not required for this level of protection, a double entry door such as a vestibule entrance can be used to maintain overpressure.

#### **D-5. Toxic-Free Area Overpressure.**

For existing facilities being modified or new facilities being designed with a Class II CP system, the air intakes will be protected with a CBR filtration system. The TFA will be designed for a minimum overpressure goal of 5 Pa (0.02 inches wg). This overpressure corresponds to a wind speed impact pressure normal to a wall of 12 km/hr (7 mph). This wind speed condition is most favorable for directing a plume of agent with minimum dispersion toward an outside air intake. After installation of the overpressure system, it is possible that a TFA pressure may be higher than the 5 Pa (0.02 inch wg). A higher pressure provides a higher factor of safety for the CP system and should not be intentionally lowered to maintain a 5 Pa (0.02 inch wg) overpressure.

a. *Existing Facilities.* For existing facilities, the ventilation design will be analyzed to determine if an overpressure can be achieved by supplying additional air through the existing ventilation system, restricting exhaust airflow rates such as from an economizer air exhaust or from other building exhaust systems. The IAQ will still be met since the air is simply exhausted through the TFA envelope. The IAQ and exhaust airflow rates required by building ventilation codes will be maintained. If an overpressure can be achieved with the existing ventilation system, an air leakage measurement test using a blower door assembly will be performed in accordance with ASTM E779. If an overpressure cannot be achieved in existing facilities, good protection is still provided by protecting the outside air intakes.

b. *New Facilities.* For new facilities, overpressure can be achieved by supplying a higher rate of conditioned fresh air to the TFA than is exhausted. To obtain a TFA minimum overpressure of 5 Pa (0.02 inch wg), the additional air required can be approximated by the unit leakage values presented in Appendix G. In addition, the air leakage calculation procedures in ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals can be used to determine the additional air intake requirement.

#### **D-6. Toxic-Free Area Envelope Air Leakage Rate.**

a. *Existing Facilities.* For existing facilities, a pressurization test using a blower door assembly will be performed in accordance with ASTM E779. Test data will be plotted on a log-log graph for ease of data tabulation, extrapolation, and review. Air leakage locations can be identified during pressurization testing when the blower door assembly is operated in the negative pressure mode and draws outside air into the proposed TFA. These leakage locations can also be identified by physical inspection or with smoke testing. Leakage areas will be sealed with a good quality sealant or, if necessary, reconstructed. Weather sealing measures can be expected to achieve leakage reductions in the range from 5 to 50 percent depending on the type and quality of facility construction. Sealing of the TFA envelope will reduce the air leakage rate and thus reduce the required amount of filtered air. Sealing measures must be economical when compared to the cost of the filtration and HVAC equipment and, for continuously operated CP facilities, energy usage must also be considered. After sealing, a second blower test will be conducted to determine the final TFA envelope air leakage rate.



b. *New Facilities.* For new facilities, the TFA envelope air leakage rate will be calculated using the effective leakage area procedures in the ASHRAE Handbook of Fundamentals. The leakage calculations will be performed for the TFA envelope including the walls, roofs, floors, doors, windows, sole plates, mechanical and electrical penetrations, ceiling-wall joints, isolation dampers, etc. The overpressure of the TFA will be used as the differential pressure in determining the TFA envelope leakage rate. Appendix G will be used as a guide to confirm the TFA envelope unit leakage rate as determined by the calculations. Care should be taken during design and construction to ensure that proper sealing of penetrations is performed and that continuous air leakage control barriers are used in the TFA envelope. A blower door test of the TFA envelope should be performed after construction to verify the leakage rate and ensure that the CP overpressure filtration system has sufficient capacity.

#### **D-7. Collective Protection System Design.**

a. *Airflow Filtration Capacity.* The airflow capacity of the CP overpressure filtration system is the sum of the following two components: TFA envelope air leakage rate at the design pressure differential and the ventilation air intake rate that meets the facility exhaust requirements. The CP filtration system blower total static pressure will be designed to include the filtration system with dirty filters, ductwork system pressure losses, and the overpressure requirement of the TFA. The HVAC system must be designed, operated, and maintained to provide uncontaminated air to the TFA. It will be located in a contamination-free mechanical room to insure that negative pressures induced in the ductwork by HVAC equipment located in the mechanical room will not draw in contaminated air to the protected area. Filtration systems will conform to Appendix E.

#### **b. HVAC Design Requirements.**

(1) *Existing Facilities.* For existing facilities, an analysis will be performed to determine if the existing HVAC equipment can be utilized for CP operations to maintain a slight overpressure. If necessary, mechanical equipment modifications will be made to existing facilities and increased equipment capacities provided for new facilities. The HVAC system must be designed, located, operated, and maintained to provide uncontaminated air to the TFA. The outside air intakes will be secured to inhibit the direct insertion of contaminants.

(2) *New Facilities.* For new facilities, the HVAC equipment will be designed to incorporate the requirements to maintain a slight overpressure and maintain indoor design conditions. The HVAC system must be designed, located, operated, and maintained to provide uncontaminated air to the TFA. The outside air intakes will be located in an inaccessible location or secured to inhibit the direct insertion of contaminants.

(3) *Indoor and Outdoor Design Temperatures.* Indoor dry and wet bulb design temperatures and outdoor design temperatures will be determined in accordance with TM 5-810-1, associated references, and mission requirements.



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(4) Outside Air Occupant Ventilation Rate. The outside air intake rate per occupant will conform to ASHRAE Standard 62 and facility mission requirements.

#### **D-8. Collective Protection Operation and Maintenance Requirements.**

a. *Control System Location.* The CP control system will be located in the mechanical room.

b. *CP System Operational Testing.* Periodic CP system monitoring should be performed to ensure it is in good operating condition.

c. *Filter System.* In addition to the manufacturer's recommended maintenance requirements, the filter replacement and testing requirements discussed below should be followed.

(1) HEPA Filter. The initial resistance of the HEPA filter is typically 250 Pa (1.0 inch wg). The HEPA filter should be replaced when it is loaded and the static pressure differential reaches about 750 Pa (3.0 inches wg). The HEPA filter pressure drop will be monitored at the CP system control panel with annunciation when the dirty filter pressure drop is reached.

(2) Adsorption Filter. The adsorber filter should be replaced as required in FM 3-4 and mechanical leak tested with a fluorocarbon refrigerant gas after filter replacement.

(3) Airflow Testing. The filtration system airflow rate should be periodically tested and rebalanced as necessary to maintain the design airflow rate.

(4) Filtration System Testing. The filtration system will be field leak tested by an independent testing agency after installation. The system should also be mechanical leak tested every 12 months and after replacement of the HEPA filter or adsorber filter. The design must ensure that adequate filter access is provided.

e. *Operating Instructions.* Operating instructions will describe, in short and concise language, the steps required to operate the CP system. All CP system control switches and indicators will be clearly marked and identified.

f. *Operation and Maintenance Manual.* An operation and maintenance manual will be provided and will contain system operating instructions, emergency operation instructions, preventive maintenance information, troubleshooting, corrective maintenance, critical instructions, and a spare parts list.

## APPENDIX E

### FILTRATION EQUIPMENT

#### E-1. Collective Protection System Design.

If the CP filtration system is located in a contaminated environment; i.e., outside the TFA envelope, the CP filtration system will be designed as a blow-through system with the blower located before the CP filtration system. If the CP filtration system is located in a clean environment; i.e., inside the TFA envelope, and draws in the contaminated air through a ductwork system, it will be designed as a draw-through system with the blower located after the CP filtration system. The CP filtration system blower total static pressure will be designed to include the filtration system with dirty filters, ductwork system pressure losses, and the overpressure requirement of the TFA.

#### E-2. Filtration Systems.

The filtration system is the most critical part of the CP overpressure system. A number of filtration systems are available from both the military and commercial suppliers. If commercial filter systems are used, the mechanical system designer should have the technical expertise to prepare specifications that meet military filter system requirements. For continuously operated filter systems, accessory equipment such as moisture eliminators and large particulate filters will be considered for protection of the filter system.

a. *Military Filtration Systems.* Military filtration units are typically provided as Government-furnished equipment (GFE). Military equipment provided as GFE has the advantage of being pre-approved for use on Government installations, while commercially available equipment requires additional Government quality testing.

(1) Fan Filter Assembly (FFA) 580. The FFA-580 filtration unit provides chemical filtration with a designed capacity of 283 L/s (600 cfm) at 3,750 Pa (15.0 inches wg) using a 2.24-kW (3-HP) motor. The FFA-580 contains a HEPA filter and an ASZM-TEDA carbon adsorber designed for a residence time of 0.25 seconds. The FFA-580 is designed for standby operation and is not intended for continuous duty.

(a) Air Tempering. The FFA-580 unit does not provide air tempering of the filtered air. For Class I and II facilities, the filtered air can be either ducted directly into the facility air handling unit return ductwork or discharged directly into the TFA. The existing mechanical system provides tempering of the air and must be located within the TFA envelope. If the FFA-580 unit is used to pressurize Class III facilities, the filtered outside air will be discharged directly into the TFA and the TFA temperature will approach outside ambient conditions.

(b) **Filtered Airflow Rate.** The FFA-580 is provided with an adjustable iris valve (variable diameter orifice) at the blower inlet. The iris valve is used to maintain the airflow rate for differing field conditions and will be field adjusted to maintain a maximum airflow rate of 311 L/s (660 cfm). Adjusting the FFA-580 unit for this airflow rate allows the unit to maintain the minimum 283 L/s (600 cfm) airflow rate when the HEPA filter becomes slightly loaded with dirt and atmospheric dust. Airflow rates above 311 L/s (660 cfm) should be avoided because higher airflow rates reduce filter adsorption capacity and residence time. The FFA-580 unit does not have a prefilter and therefore the HEPA filter will load more quickly than a filtration system with a prefilter. The FFA-580 unit requires periodic airflow testing to ensure it is maintaining an airflow rate in the range of 283 L/s (600 cfm) to 311 L/s (660 cfm). An airflow rate of 283 L/s (600 cfm) will be used for design of the overpressure filtered air system and an airflow rate of 311 L/s (660 cfm) will be used to design the HVAC system heating and cooling loads. The FFA-580 blower unit can be used for both 50 and 60 Hz power supply. This will result in different airflow rates and static pressure values and needs to be considered in the facility design. The FFA-580 blower will produce a calculated temperature rise of 4.4 degrees C (8.0 degrees F) at standard conditions. Actual tested conditions to determine the air temperature rise across the blower unit indicated in certain conditions the air temperature rise can be higher than the calculated value. It is recommended that a temperature rise of 5.5 degrees C (10 degrees F) be used across the FFA-580 blower unit.

(2) **The M49 Adsorption Filter.** The M49 adsorber is a military developed and produced gas adsorber. Quality control and testing is also provided and managed by the military. The M49 filter comes in two sizes: 283 L/s (600 cfm) and 566 L/s (1,200 cfm). The M49 adsorber is of modular design and can be stacked in multiples to achieve a higher airflow rate. When compared to commercially available adsorber filters, the M49 requires only one stage of filtration for an airflow rate of 566 L/s (1,200 cfm). Therefore, using the M49 will require somewhat less floor space than a commercial filter system. The M49 pressure drop is approximately 1,750 Pa (7 inches wg) lower than a comparable commercially available filter. The lower static pressure drop results in less initial blower cost due to the lower static head requirement. For CP filtration systems that operate continuously, the lower static pressure drop of the M49 results in lower operating costs. However, for CP systems that operate only when needed, the energy cost savings will be minor. The M49 carbon trays are refillable by the Government. The disadvantage of the M49 filter is its relatively high initial cost compared to commercially available filters. The M49 adsorption filter requires prefilters, HEPA filters, and test sections or test points similar to commercial filter systems. To procure the M49 filter, contact the Technical Director, U.S. Army Edgewood Research, Development and Engineering Center, ATTN: SCBRD-ENP-A/ Fixed Installation Engineer, 5183 Blackhawk Road, Aberdeen Proving Ground, MD 21010-5423.

b. **Commercial Filtration Systems.** Commercial filtration systems are of modular sectional design and each section can filter 165 L/s (350 cfm) to 590 L/s (1,250 cfm) with two stages of adsorption. The CP overpressure filter system will require, in series, the following filter sections: roughing filter, prefilter, an initial HEPA filter, either one or two stages of adsorbers, and a final HEPA filter. The actual type and number of filters required will depend upon what is to be

filtered. Test sections can be provided with the filtration system to ease in-place leak testing of the system, isolate which filter section fails the leak test, and for future leak testing of the filter system. To test the carbon adsorbers, typically testing injection and sampling ports that are located before and after the filter system will be adequate in testing a single stage adsorption system. To test two stages of adsorption, a test section will be required between the stages. To test HEPA filters, test sections will be required for sampling after the HEPA filter. Test ports must be placed at a location where good mixing will occur or the test ports must be located approximately 10 duct diameters before and after the filter system. The filter system will be quality assurance tested in accordance with ASME N510 and MIL-PRF-32016(EA). Current commercial filtration systems are of nuclear grade safety class design and are designed for use primarily by the nuclear industry. The commercial filtration systems meet quality assurance requirements for nuclear facility applications (ASME NQA-1) and generic seismic requirements in IEEE Standard 344. Commercial filtration systems used for certain applications, primarily for containment, warrant the use of ASME NQA-1 and IEEE 344.

(1) Filter Housing. The filter housing will be a bag-in and bag-out design conforming to the applicable sections of ASME N509 and will be constructed of type 304 stainless steel. For applications where contaminants will be continuously filtered, bags for the bag-in and bag-out ports will be provided. For applications where contaminants will rarely be filtered, bags for the bag-in and bag-out ports are not required.

(2) Roughing Filter. Continuously operated filter systems will have a roughing filter with an average efficiency of 25 to 30 percent when tested in accordance with ASHRAE 52.1. The roughing filter extends the life of the intermediate filter or prefilter and reduces its change frequency.

(3) Prefilter. The prefilter or intermediate filter will have an average efficiency of 80 to 85 percent when tested in accordance with ASHRAE 52.1. The prefilter extends the life of the HEPA filter and reduces its change frequency.

(4) HEPA Filter. The HEPA filter frame and filter media will meet the construction, material, testing, qualification, and documentation requirements of ASME N509, ASME N510, and UL 586 and will have a filter efficiency of 99.97 percent at a 0.3  $\mu$ m diameter particle size when tested in accordance with the MIL-STD-282 dioctyl phthalate (DOP) test method. The filter frames will meet the requirements of ASME AG-1a, Section FC. The HEPA filter medium will meet the requirements of MS MIL-F-51079D.

(5) Adsorption Filter. The adsorber charcoal media will be designed to adsorb aerosol with a minimum residence time of 0.25 seconds and will meet the requirements of MIL-PRF-32016(EA). Typically, for commercial filters, two stages are required to achieve the 0.25 second residence time at airflow rates of 330 L/s (700 cfm) to 590 L/s (1,250 cfm). One stage of filteradsorption can be used for airflow rates from 165 L/s (350 cfm) to 295 L/s (625 cfm). For unknown threats and adsorption of volatile agents, ASZM-TEDA carbon conforming to EA-C-

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1704 will be used. If the threat is known, the use of ASZM-TEDA may not be required. This will depend upon the chemical volatility of the threat. If agents of higher volatility, such as hydrogen cyanide and cyanogen chloride are not a threat, activated carbon (not impregnated carbon) will suffice. The static pressure drop through an ASZM-TEDA adsorber that meets the requirements of MIL-PRF-32016(EA) is approximately 625 Pa (2.5 inches wg) for a 235 L/s (500 cfm) adsorber. A sample of the ASZM-TEDA carbon must be provided by the filter manufacturer for testing at the U.S. Army Edgewood Research, Development and Engineering Center (ERDEC) as stated in MIL-PRF-32016(EA). Funding for ERDEC testing is provided by the user. Filter trays not contaminated by chemical surety materials or by super toxic materials can be refilled by the manufacturer, but any contaminated carbon must be disposed of by the owning activity in accordance with local, state, and federal regulations. A license must be obtained from the U.S. Department of Commerce before an adsorption filter containing ASZM-TEDA carbon can be shipped outside the United States.

## APPENDIX F

### AIRLOCKS AND PERSONNEL PROCESSING

#### F-1. Airlock Description.

Airlocks will be used in Class I facilities where an overpressure must be maintained during collective protection operations.

a. *Stand-Alone Two-Stage Airlock.* As shown in Figure F-1, the stand-alone two-stage airlock has outer first stage and inner second stage compartments. Clean airflow is provided by a dedicated filter blower unit connected to the inner compartment at the filtered air inlet. The stand-alone airlock is designed for a 94 L/s (200 cfm) filter blower unit and intended for retrofitting to existing facilities. The outer compartment is used to remove protective garments while it is being continuously purged by the flow of filtered air. After protective garments are removed, personnel enter the inner compartment which is then purged of vapors during the dwell cycle. After the dwell period, personnel enter the toxic-free area (TFA).

b. *Integral Single-Stage Airlock.* As shown in Figure F-2, the integral single-stage airlock is provided with filtered air from the TFA. The overpressure in the TFA will cascade through the airlock, thereby continuously purging contaminants from the airlock. The design airflow rate will be determined by equation C-1. The airlock is used to remove protective garments while it is being continuously purged by the flow of filtered air. After the protective garments are removed, the airlock will be purged of vapors during the dwell cycle. After the dwell period, personnel enter the TFA.

#### F-2. Airlock Features.

The following features are common to an integral or stand-alone airlock.

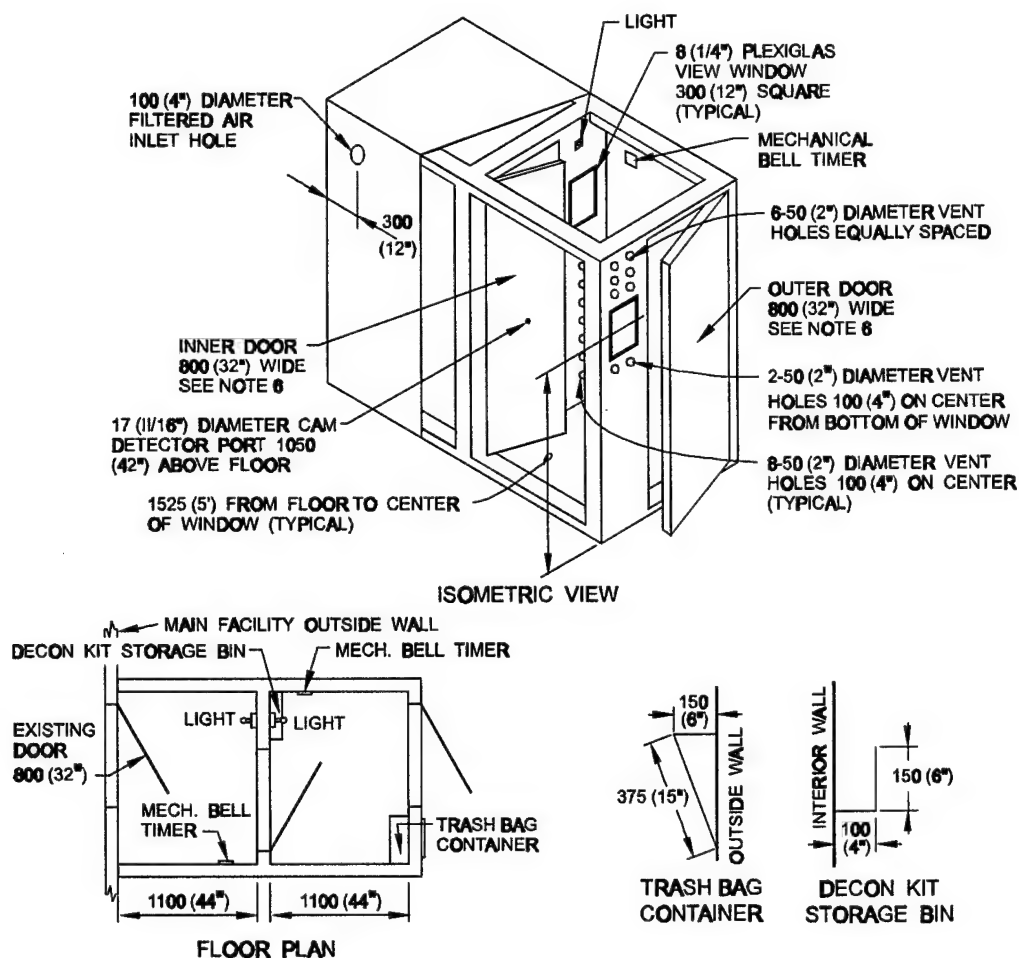
a. *Timers.* A mechanical bell timer to time the dwell and purge cycles is required in each compartment.

b. *Windows.* A window is required at each compartment to determine if it is occupied.

c. *Lights.* Lights are required because the interior lacks adequate natural lighting.

d. *Purge Vents.* The two-stage airlock has fixed rather than adjustable purge vents because it has a dedicated filter blower unit that makes the airflow rate easy to maintain. For an airlock without a dedicated filter blower unit, a variable area purge vent or flow control valve is required to adjust the airflow rate and maintain the required purge rate.

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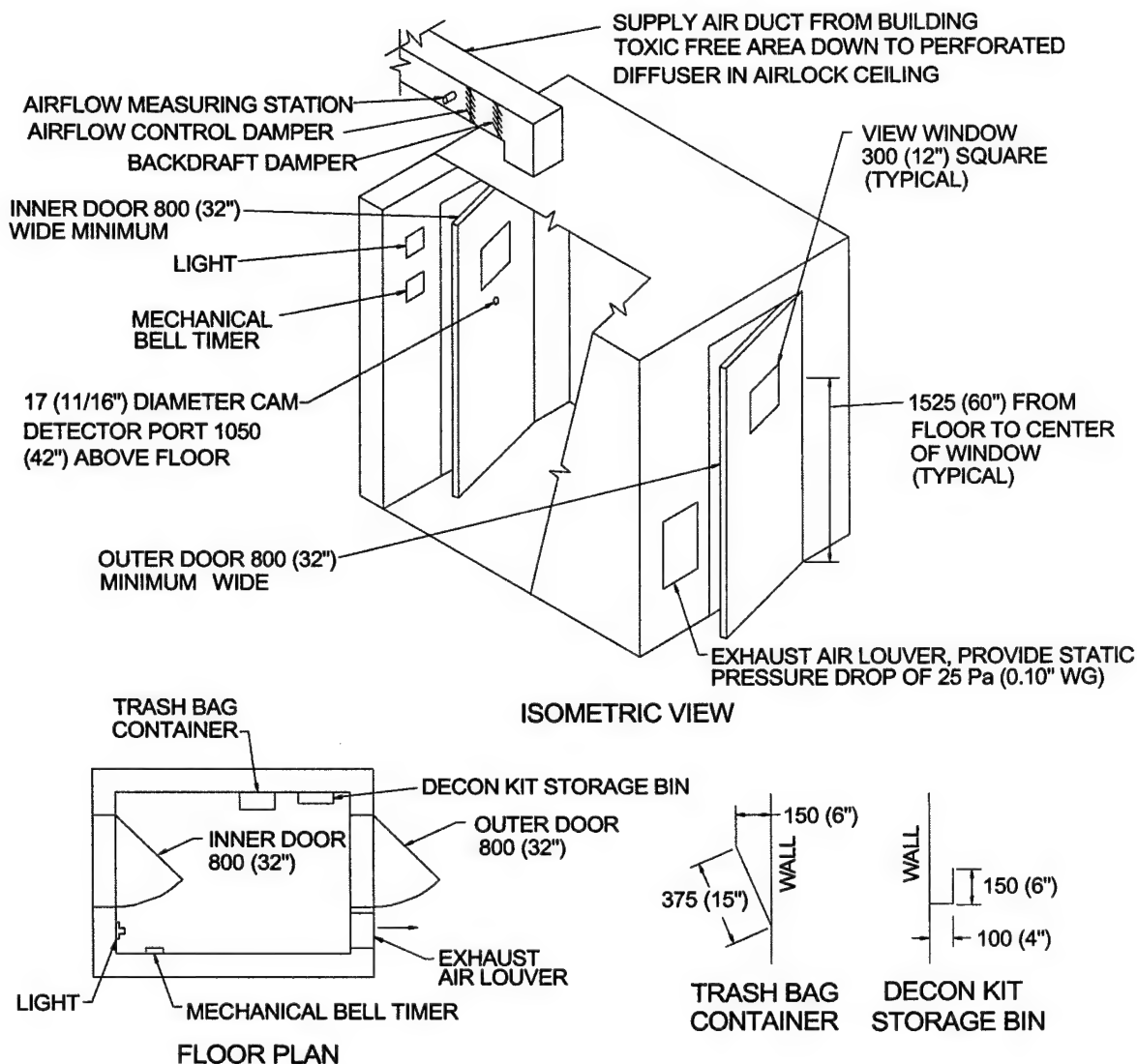


**NOTES:**

1. AIRLOCK INNER AND OUTER COMPARTMENTS ARE APPROXIMATELY 1350 (54") WIDE BY 1100 (44") LONG BY 2130 (7') HIGH MEASURING FROM INTERIOR SURFACES. INTERNAL VOLUME IS 3.27 m<sup>3</sup> (115.5 FT<sup>3</sup>).
2. THE TRASH BAG CONTAINER AND DECON KIT STORAGE BIN ARE 375 (15") LONG.
3. VENT HOLES ON THE OUTER WALL START 125 (5") FROM THE CEILING. VENT HOLES ON THE INNER WALL START 125 (5") FROM THE FLOOR.
4. MECHANICAL BELL TIMERS ARE 1830 (8') ABOVE THE FLOOR.
5. THE FILTERED AIR INLET HOLE IS 300 (12") BELOW THE CEILING.
6. FOR MAIN FACILITY EXISTING DOORS THAT ARE 900 (36") WIDE, USE INNER AIRLOCK AND OUTER DOORS THAT ARE 900 (36") WIDE. THE AIRLOCK INNER AND OUTER COMPARTMENTS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY 1450 (58") WIDE BY 1100 (44") LONG BY 2130 (7') HIGH MEASURING FROM INTERIOR SURFACES. INTERNAL VOLUME IS 3.51 m<sup>3</sup> (124 FT<sup>3</sup>).

Figure F-1. Two-Stage Airlock Diagram.

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## NOTES:

1. AIRLOCK COMPARTMENT IS APPROXIMATELY 1400 (56") WIDE BY 2000 (80") LONG BY 2200 (88") HIGH MEASURING FROM INTERIOR SURFACES.
2. INTERIOR VOLUME IS 6.16 M<sup>3</sup> (228 FT<sup>3</sup>).
3. THE TRASH BAG CONTAINER AND DECON KIT STORAGE BIN ARE 375 (15") LONG.
4. BOTTOM OF EXHAUST AIR LOUVER IS 8" ABOVE THE FLOOR.
5. THE MECHANICAL BELL TIMER IS 1830 (72") ABOVE THE FLOOR.
6. THE SUPPLY AIR DIFFUSER IS CENTERED BETWEEN THE SIDE WALLS AND 300 (12") FROM THE INNER DOOR.

Figure F-2. Single-Stage Airlock Diagram.



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e. *Monitoring Port.* The monitoring port allows the chemical agent monitor (CAM) detector inlet to be inserted into the outer compartment by a CAM operator located in the inner compartment. This allows the CAM operator to determine if there is agent vapor in the outer compartment. With a negative reading in both the G and H mode (about 10 seconds each), the operator may determine that a shorter or longer dwell period is required. A second CAM check for sorbed vapor can then be performed in the inner or second stage compartment.

f. *Caulking.* Caulking should be applied to all joints to limit uncontrolled air leakage.

g. *Paint.* Painting the interior and exterior surfaces with epoxy paint is required to minimize the sorption of liquid and vapor agent.

h. *Instructional Signs.* Basic personnel processing instructions should be provided on the outer and inner doors.

i. *Clothing Chute or Trash Bag Container.* A clothing chute allows contaminated clothing to be removed from the airlock and discarded outdoors without re-exposure of personnel to the contaminated atmosphere. As an alternative, plastic trash bags can be placed in the airlock so that personnel can seal clothing in the bag after removal. The bag is then removed by the next group entering the airlock. If a clothing chute is not provided, a trash bag container should be provided.

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**F-3. Recommended Airlock Signs.**

Recommended signs to be stenciled on the airlock are shown in Tables F-1 and F-2.

Table F-1 Stand-Alone Two-Stage Airlock Signs	
Sign Text	Location
1. Two-Stage Airlock 2. Do Not Open if Airlock is Occupied 3. Upon Entering, Set Timer for 4 Minutes 4. Remove Mask Only After 4-Minute Purge and/or CAM Check 5. Filtered Air Input 6. CAM Check Port 7. Remove Outer Garments Before Processing to Next Compartment if Exposed to Chemical Agent 8. Set Timer for 4 Minutes	1. Above the outer door. 2. On the outer door. 3. On the outer door below the other sign. 4. On the second door, read from the outer compartment. 5. Near the filtered air inlet. 6. On the second door above the CAM port. 7. On the second door, read from the outer compartment, below the other sign. 8. On the second door, read from the inner compartment.

Table F-2 Integral Single-Stage Airlock Signs	
Sign Text	Location
1. Airlock 2. Do Not Open if Airlock is Occupied 3. After Removal of IPE, Set Timer for 3 Minutes* 4. Remove Mask Only After 3-Minute Purge and/or CAM Check** 5. CAM Check Port	1. Above the outer door. 2. On the outer door. 3. On the outer door below the other sign. 4. On the second door, read from inside the airlock compartment. 5. On the second door above the CAM port.

\* Actual time required is determined by equation C-1.

\*\* Actual purge time is determined by equation C-1.

#### **F-4. Processing Procedure Recommendations.**

Processing procedures are the responsibility of the local command authority. Basic and commonly used ingress in-processing procedures are shown in Tables F-3 and F-4. If detector paper indicates liquid contamination on outer garments, open-air decontamination may be required before entering the airlock.

Table F-3 Two-Stage Airlock Processing Procedures	
Item	Description
1	Before entering the airlock first stage, ensure that the airlock filter blower unit is operating and that air is being discharged from the purge vents.
2	Look through the view window to ensure that the first stage is not occupied. If unoccupied, enter the airlock first stage.
3	After entering the airlock first stage, remove any items left from the previous in-processing group. Set the timer to 4 minutes. During the 4-minute dwell time, remove outer garments and put them in the trash bag or clothing chute provided.
4	When the 4-minute dwell time is complete, personnel in the second stage of the airlock should check the first stage with a chemical agent monitor to ensure that the contaminants have been sufficiently removed. After the first stage has been checked and no contaminants have been detected, proceed to the second stage.
5	After entering the second stage, set the timer for a 4-minute purge time. After the 4 minutes have elapsed, hold your breath, remove your mask, and enter the TFA. Depending on user requirements, the mask is either placed in a mask bag, sealed, and taken into the shelter for use during an emergency or the mask is left in the airlock and removed by the next processing group.

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Table F-4 Single-Stage Airlock Processing Procedures	
Item	Description
1	Before entering the airlock, ensure that air is being discharged from the purge vents.
2	Look through the view window to ensure that the first stage is not occupied. If unoccupied, enter the airlock.
3	After entering the airlock, remove any items left from the previous in-processing group. Remove outer garments and put them in the trash bag or clothing chute provided. Set the timer for a 3-minute dwell time (or as determined by equation C-1).
4	When the dwell time is complete, personnel in the toxic-free area should check the airlock with a chemical agent monitor to ensure that the contaminants have been sufficiently removed. After the airlock has been checked and no contaminants have been detected, proceed to the toxic-free area.
5	After entering the second stage, set the timer for a 4-minute purge time. After the 4 minutes have elapsed, hold your breath, remove your mask, and enter the TFA. Depending on user requirements, the mask is either placed in a mask bag, sealed, and taken into the shelter for use during an emergency or the mask is left in the airlock and removed by the next processing group.

## APPENDIX G

## FACILITY AIR LEAKAGE RATES

**G-1. Facility Envelope Air Leakage Database.**

The facility leakage information in Table G-1 results from field leakage testing with a calibrated blower door assembly. The graphs in Figures G-1 through G-9 show leakage characteristics for the facility construction types indicated.

**G-2. Facility Envelope Construction Types.**

Facility wall and roof construction is categorized into the general types below. These categories are referred to in the leakage characteristic graphs.

*a. Wall Construction Types.*

- (1) Type 1: 25-mm (1-inch) stucco or siding, insulation, 20-mm ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch) plaster or gypsum.
- (2) Type 2: 25-mm (1-inch) stucco or siding, 200-mm (8-inch) concrete block or cast-in-place concrete, 20-mm ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch) plaster or gypsum.
- (3) Type 3: steel siding, insulation, steel siding.
- (4) Type 4: 100-mm (4-inch) face brick, insulation, 300-mm (12-inch) concrete block or cast-in-place concrete, 20-mm ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch) plaster or gypsum.
- (5) Type 5: concrete thickness as indicated in millimeters (inches), insulation, 20-mm ( $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch) plaster or gypsum. No windows.

*b. Roof Construction Types.*

- (1) Type 1: slag or stone, felt membrane, insulation, steel siding.
- (2) Type 2: slag or stone, felt membrane, lightweight concrete.
- (3) Type 3: Concrete thickness in mm (inches), insulation.

Table G-1 Facility Air Leakage Rates									
Bldg. No.	Building Function	TFA Area sq m (sq ft)	TFA Volume cu m (cu ft)	Airflow Leakage Rate @ 5 Pa (0.02 in wg) L/s (cfm)	Airflow Leakage Rate @ 75 Pa (0.3 in wg) L/s (cfm)	Area Unit Leakage Rate @ 5 Pa (0.02 in wg) L/s/m <sup>2</sup> (cfm/ft <sup>2</sup> )	Area Unit Leakage Rate @ 75 Pa (0.3 in wg) L/s/m <sup>2</sup> (cfm/ft <sup>2</sup> )	Volume Unit Leakage Rate @ 5 Pa (0.02 in wg) L/s/m <sup>3</sup> (cfm/ft <sup>3</sup> )	Volume Unit Leakage Rate @ 75 Pa (0.3 in wg) L/s/m <sup>3</sup> (cfm/ft <sup>3</sup> )
1	C3	7,061 (76,000)	94,582 (3,340,000)	516 (1,094)	2,550 (5,421)	0.0731 (0.0144)	0.3611 (0.0713)	0.0055 (0.0003)	0.0270 (0.0016)
2	Comm. Facility	412 (4,440)	1,006 (35,520)	185 (392)	814 (1,725)	0.4490 (0.0883)	1.9757 (0.3885)	0.1839 (0.011)	0.8091 (0.0486)
3	Admin.	534 (5,750)	2,280 (80,500)	136 (288)	572 (1,212)	0.2547 (0.0501)	1.0712 (0.2108)	0.0596 (0.0036)	0.2509 (0.0151)
4	Squadron Operations	758 (8,160)	3,235 (114,240)	67 (142)	365 (773)	0.0884 (0.0174)	0.4815 (0.0947)	0.0207 (0.0012)	0.1128 (0.0068)
5	Squadron Operations	929 (10,000)	283 (100,000)	612 (1,297)	3,412 (7,234)	0.6588 (0.1297)	3.6728 (0.7234)	2.1625 (0.0130)	12.0565 (0.0723)
6	Gymnasium	740 (7,960)	7,213 (254,700)	1,491 (3,161)	4,976 (10,550)	2.0149 (0.3971)	6.7243 (1.3254)	0.2067 (0.0124)	0.6899 (0.0414)
7	Gymnasium	1,022 (11,000)	9,968 (352,000)	1,096 (2,323)	5,296 (11,228)	1.0724 (0.2112)	5.1820 (1.0207)	0.1100 (0.0066)	0.5313 (0.0319)
8	Dormitory	1,105 (11,890)	6,734 (237,800)	1,598 (3,388)	4,571 (9,691)	1.4462 (0.2849)	4.1367 (0.8151)	0.2373 (0.0142)	0.6788 (0.0408)

**G-3. Building Number 1.**

Building number 1 is a poured concrete structure with 3.1-m-thick walls and roof. The facility has no windows. Leakage rate versus internal pressure is shown in Figure G-1. Building leakage rates can be calculated using equation G-1.

$$\log(y) = C_0 + C_1 \log(x) \quad (\text{eq G-1})$$

where:  $C_0 = 2.3007476$

$C_1 = 0.59040570$

$y$  = leakage rate, L/s

$x$  = internal pressure, Pa

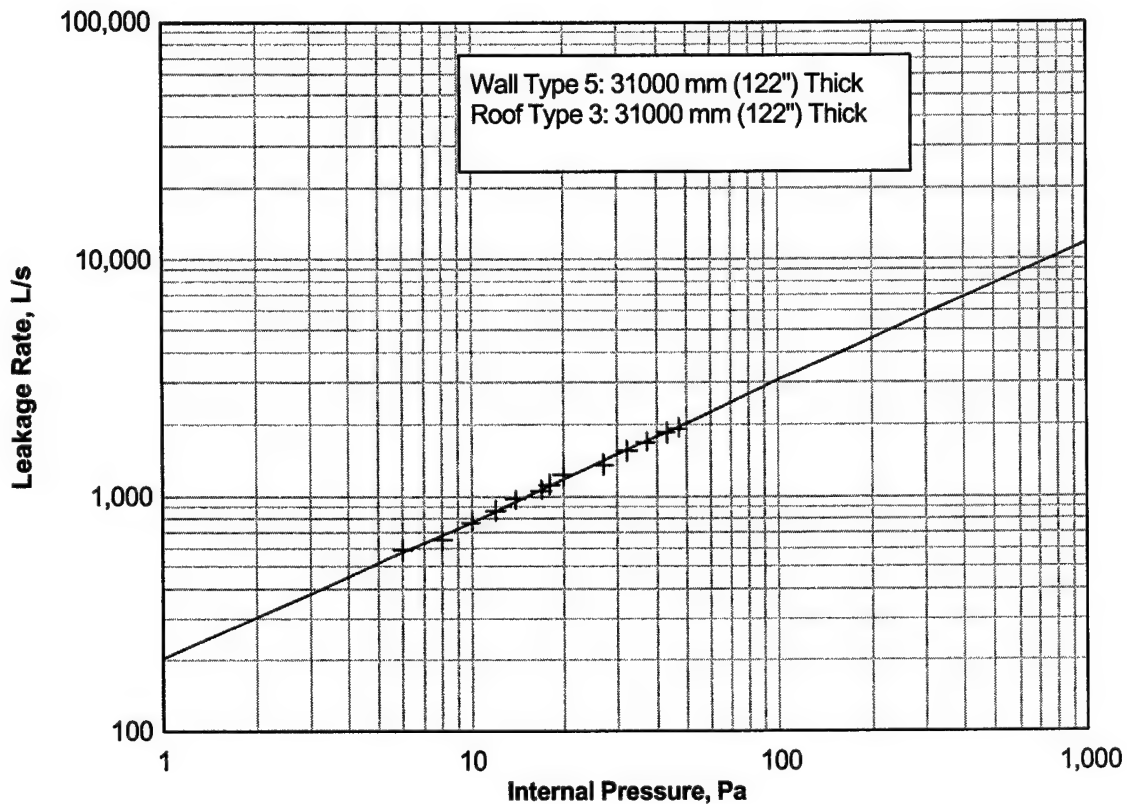


Figure G-1. Building 1 Leakage Rate.

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**G-4. Building Number 2.**

Building number 2 is a poured concrete structure with 0.66-m-thick walls and roof. The facility has no windows. Leakage rate versus internal pressure is shown in Figure G-2. Building leakage rates can be calculated using equation G-2.

$$\log(y) = C_0 + C_1 \log(x) \quad (\text{eq G-2})$$

where:  $C_0 = 1.8871234$

$C_1 = 0.54579516$

$y$  = leakage rate, L/s

$x$  = internal pressure, Pa

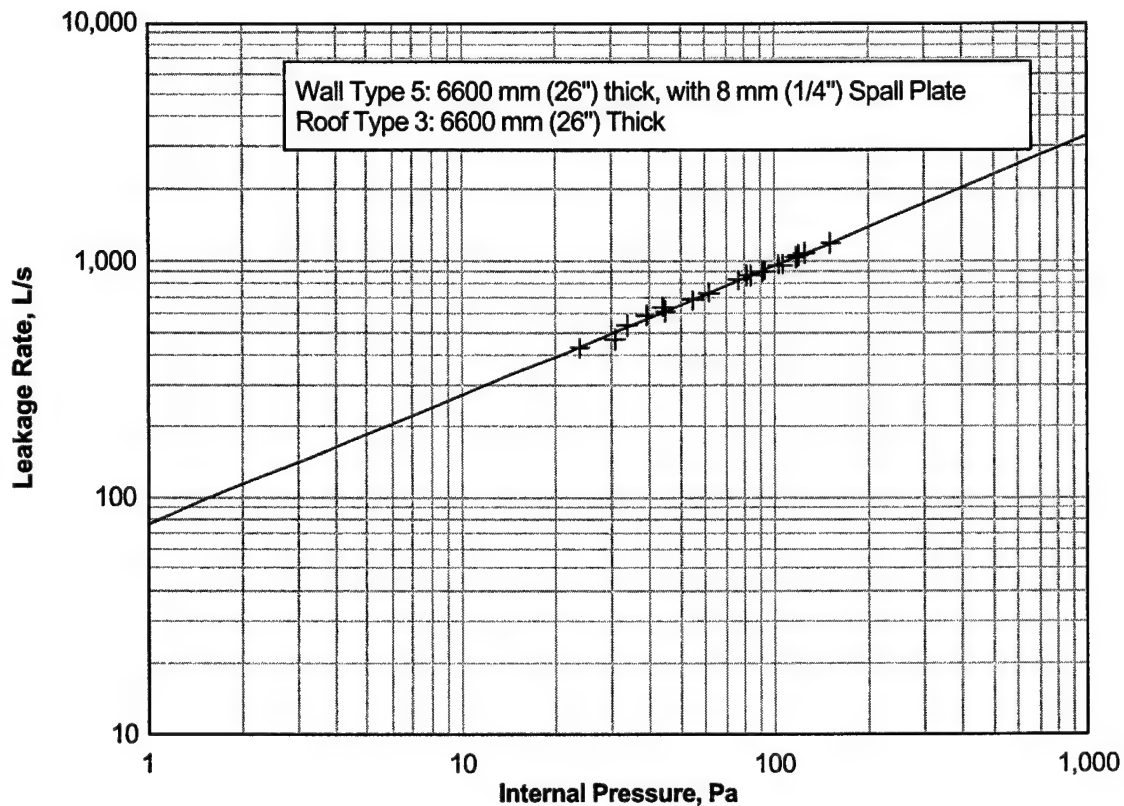


Figure G-2. Building 2 Leakage Rate.



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**G-5. Building Number 3.**

Building number 3 is a poured concrete structure with 0.66-m-thick walls and roof. The facility has no windows. Leakage rate versus internal pressure is shown in Figure G-3. Building leakage rates can be calculated using equation G-3.

$$\log(y) = C_0 + C_1 \log(x) \quad (\text{eq G-3})$$

where:  $C_0 = 1.7654878$

$C_1 = 0.52904921$

$y$  = leakage rate, L/s

$x$  = internal pressure, Pa

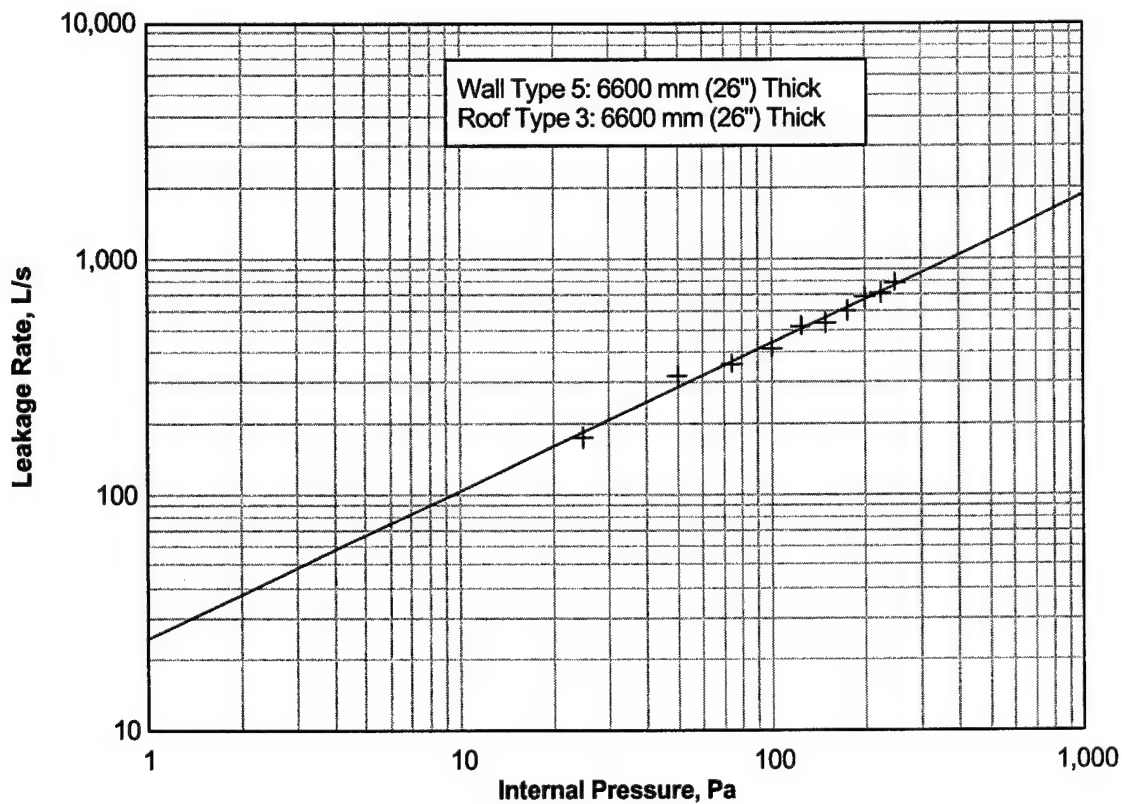


Figure G-3. Building 4 Leakage Rate.

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**G-6. Building Number 4.**

Building number 4 is a poured concrete structure with 0.66-m-thick walls and roof. The facility has no windows. Leakage rate versus internal pressure is shown in Figure G-4. Building leakage rates can be calculated using equation G-4.

$$\log(y) = C_0 + C_1 \log(x) \quad (\text{eq G-4})$$

where:  $C_0 = 1.3882766$

$C_1 = 0.62650449$

$y$  = leakage rate, L/s

$x$  = internal pressure, Pa

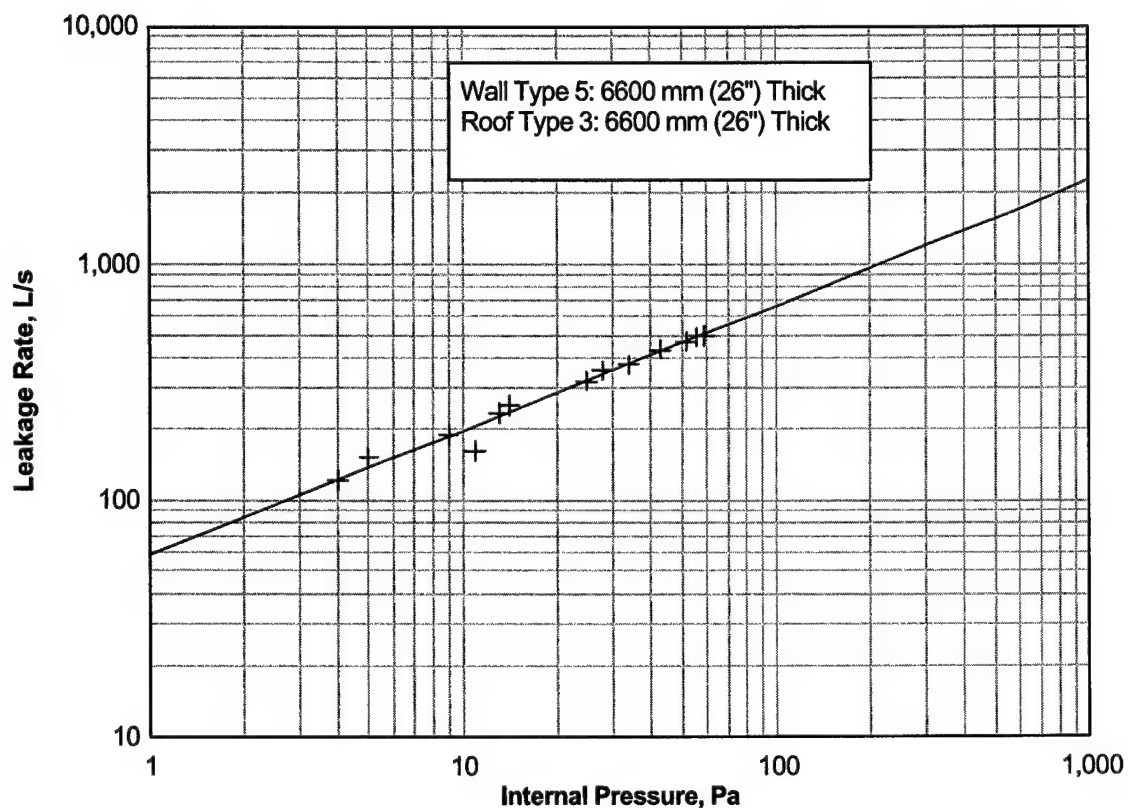


Figure G-4. Building 3 Leakage Rate.

**G-7. Building Number 5.**

Building number 5 is constructed of concrete block walls and cast-in-place concrete roof. The facility has 26 sliding windows and the majority are relatively tight. Leakage rate versus internal pressure is shown in Figure G-5. Building leakage rates can be calculated using equation G-5.

$$\log(y) = C_0 + C_1 \log(x) \quad (\text{eq G-5})$$

where:  $C_0 = 2.3433194$

$C_1 = 0.63452276$

$y$  = leakage rate, L/s

$x$  = internal pressure, Pa

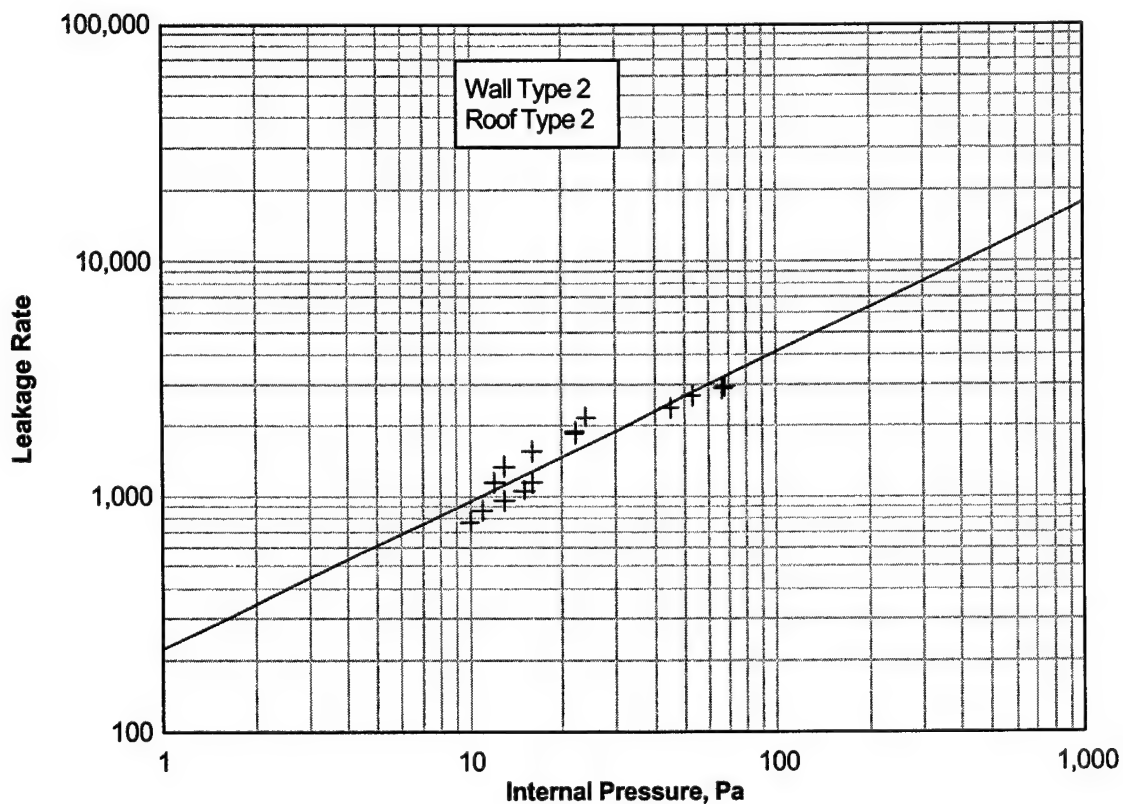


Figure G-5. Building 5 Leakage Rate.

### G-8. Building Number 6.

Building number 6 has block walls with an insulated metal siding upper portion. The roof is standing seam metal. A moderate number of fiberglass windows are installed in the upper portions of the wall. Leakage rate versus internal pressure is shown in Figure G-6. Building leakage rates can be calculated using equation G-6.

$$\log(y) = C_0 + C_1 \log(x) \quad (\text{eq G-6})$$

where:  $C_0 = 2.8625607$

$C_1 = 0.44496218$

$y$  = leakage rate, L/s

$x$  = internal pressure, Pa

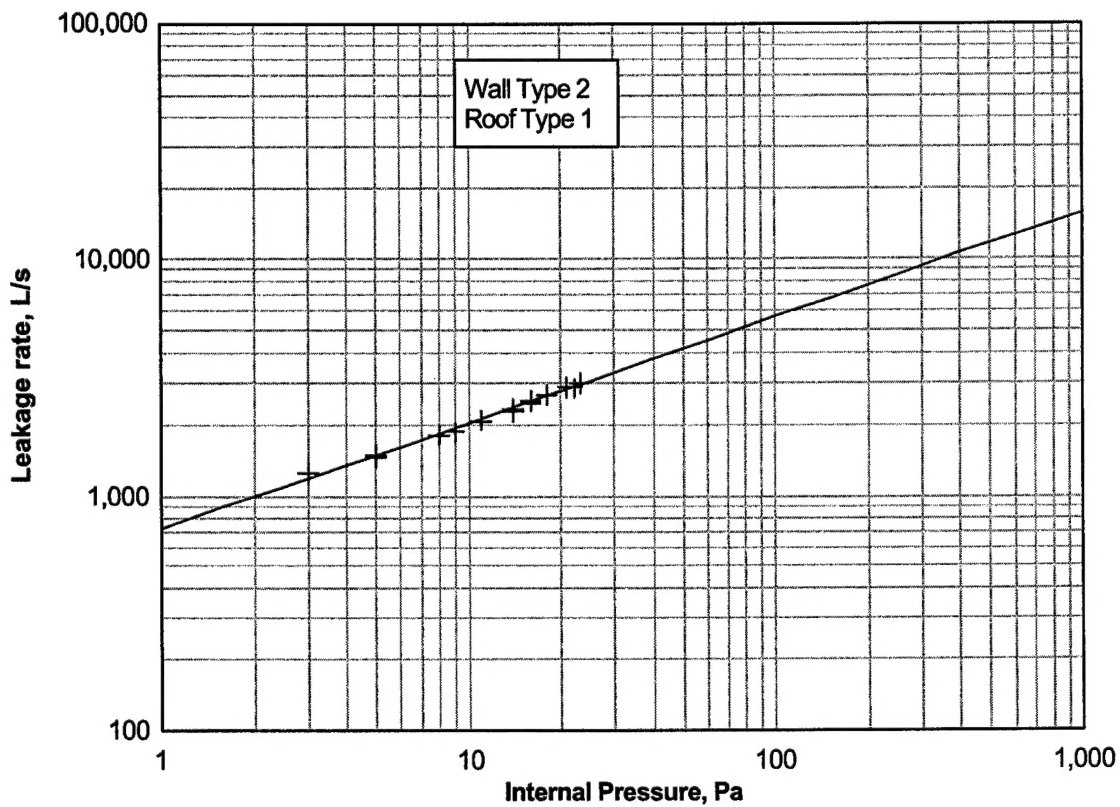


Figure G-6. Building 6 Leakage Rate.

**G-9. Building Number 7.**

Building number 7 has block walls with an insulated metal siding upper portion. The roof is standing seam metal. A large number of windows are installed in the upper portions of the wall. Leakage rate versus internal pressure is shown in Figure G-7. Building leakage rates can be calculated using equation G-7.

$$\log(y) = C_0 + C_1 \log(x) \quad (\text{eq G-7})$$

where:  $C_0 = 2.6334308$

$C_1 = 0.58162360$

$y$  = leakage rate, L/s

$x$  = internal pressure, Pa

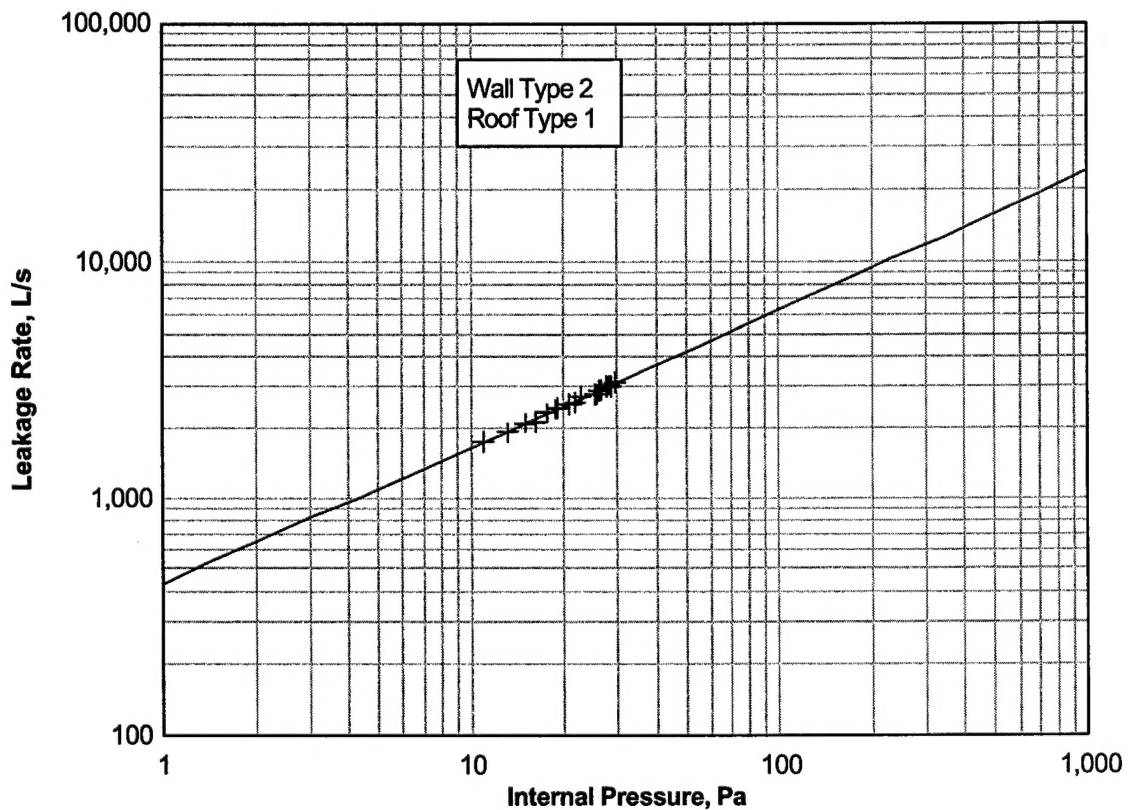


Figure G-7. Building 7 Leakage Rate.

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**G-10. Building Number 8.**

Building number 8 is a two-story facility with block walls and a concrete roof. The facility has a moderate number of windows. Leakage rate versus internal pressure is shown in Figure G-8. Building leakage rates can be calculated using equation G-8.

$$\log(y) = C_0 + C_1 \log(x) \quad (\text{eq G-8})$$

where:  $C_0 = 2.9324394$

$C_1 = 0.38805886$

$y$  = leakage rate, L/s

$x$  = internal pressure, Pa

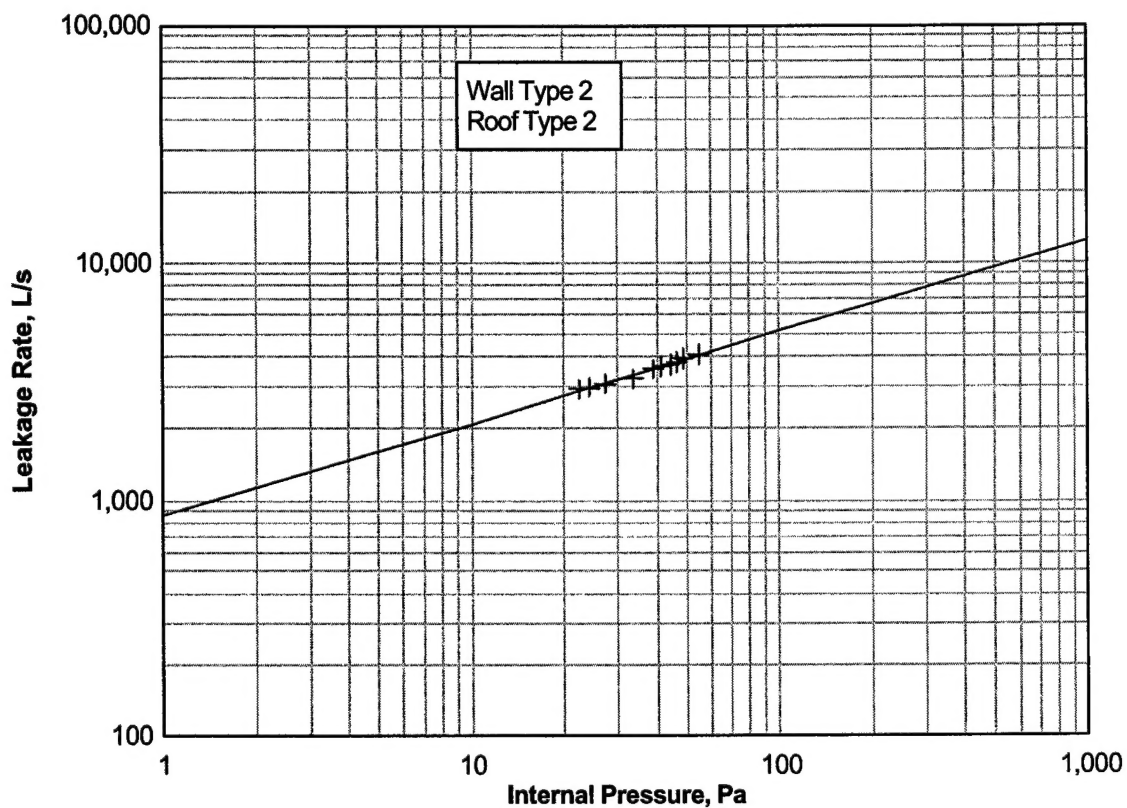


Figure G-8. Building 8 Leakage Rate.

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